natives of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States early in life. Their household included eleven children, of whom the following are living: Isabella, Hugh D., John, David, Ellen, Lizzie, William, George and Robert. Some of these are located in Kansas, others in Ohio, where the parents are now living.

Our subject remained a member of his father's household until considerably past his majority, and after passing his thirty-fifth year, was united in marriage, on the 10th of May, 1863, to Miss Sarah A. Fosset, a native of his own State, who came to Illinois in 1853. They have three children—Edith, Robert and Edna. The youngest is now six years of age. Mr. Mack, struggling through the disadvantages of a limited education, has by his own efforts acquired sufficient knowledge of business matters to invest his money in a judicious manner, and has attained to a good position, both socially and financially. He and his estimable lady are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are valued in the community. His land has been brought to a good state of cultivation, and the farm buildings, neat and substantial, are kept in good order, while everything about the place wears the air of comfort and plenty.

JAMES L. ROBERTS, the well-known and enterprising dealer in merchandise, and grain buyer and shipper, of the town of Graymont, Livingston Co., Ill., is the son of John and Katherine (Henkins) Roberts, and was born in Greene County, Pa., on the 31st of August, 1847. In 1851 he accompanied his parents to Bureau County, Ill., where they rented ground and farmed four years. In 1855 they moved to a farm in Putnam County, where the father bought ten acres of land, which he sold in 1858, and then moved to Davis County, Mo., where they farmed rented ground until the fall of 1861, when they returned to Illinois and located in De Witt County. After remaining in this county until 1869 they came to Livingston County, where the father bought forty acres on section 28, Rook's Creek Township, one mile south of where the town of Graymont now stands. In 1869 the subject of this sketch bought forty acres of land, and in 1874 still another forty adjoining on section 28. He continued to make his home at his father's and assisted on the farm until 1880. During this period he was elected Commissioner of Highways.

On the 6th of September, 1880, Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Rachel Jane Lillie, daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Lillie, at the residence of W. F. Brydia, in Saunemin Township, Livingston County, Rev. G. W. Gue officiating. On the 23d of October, in partnership with Henry Pample & Co., he opened a stock of general merchandise under the firm name of Roberts, Pample & Co., in Graymont. This was among the first establishments for the sale of general merchandise opened in that town. This partnership continued until June, 1882, when Pample sold out to B. S. Lillie, a brother-in-law of Mr. Roberts. The firm then became Roberts & Lillie, who continued the business until February, 1884, when Mr. Roberts bought out Mr. Lillie's interest, and has since continued the business by himself. In the fall of 1885 he added the buying and shipping of grain to his regular business, and was the prime mover in securing the location of Graymont at its present site, assisting also very materially in obtaining the right of way for the Kankakee Line of the Middle Division of the Illinois Central Railroad. Mr. Roberts received a very fair common-school education, and in addition to that he has further qualified himself for business affairs by learning book-keeping and mastering its various complications. He has always been a man of public spirit, assisting in the building of churches throughout the surrounding country.

Mr. Roberts' parents were born in Pennsylvania, on or near the line of Greene Township, the father Nov. 27, 1811, and the mother on the 13th of July, 1820. They were married in Pennsylvania about the year 1838. The subject of this sketch is the fourth in a family of six children: the oldest, Eliza May, died in infancy; Lucretia was born July 4, 1842, is unmarried, and lives with her parents in Milford, Montgomery Co., Iowa; Elijah Peter was born on the 14th of July, 1844; he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company G, 107th Illinois In-

fantry, and was wounded in a skirmish, dying soon after in a hospital at Baltimore, where he was buried. James L.; Margaret Susannah, born Aug. 26, 1863, and Marion Morris, born April 23, 1859, are unmarried and live with their parents.

Mr. Roberts' paternal grandfather, James Roberts, was born in Pennsylvania on the 30th of July, 1787, and his grandmother, Lucretia Morris, on the 30th of April of the same year. They were married on the 15th of May, 1807, and moved to Hancock County, Ill., where they died. The great-grandfather was born in New Jersey and moved to Pennsylvania when a young man; his father was a native of Wales. The maternal grandparents were born in or near Greene County, Pa., the grandfather, Elijah Henkins, on the 22d of May, 1791, and the grandmother, Elizabeth (Brown) Henkins, July 1, 1787. They were married about 1814. The grandmother died on the 12th of August, 1875, and was buried in the Lone Tree Graveyard, Bureau County, Ill. The grandfather served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and died Aug. 6, 1887. Mr. Roberts remembers seeing his maternal great-grandmother, and says she lived two or three years at their home in Illinois, where she died and is buried in the Lone Tree Graveyard. He thinks her name was Lucretia Brown, and he says he carries scars which he received by falling on her iron kettle.

The wife of James L. Roberts was born at Noblesville, Ind., on the 6th of September, 1851, and moved with her parents to Bloomington, Ill., when about five years of age. They remained there but one year when they removed to Livingston County, where the father bought 120 acres of land on section 22. She attended the district school during her girlhood, and received a very fair education. She is the seventh in a family of twelve children, all of whom are still living; their names are: Margaret, born on the 7th of November, 1839, married to William T. Brydia Dec. 7, 1863, has two children, and lives in Livingston County; Letitia, born Nov. 29, 1841, married R. M. Hopkins, has five children, and lives in McLean County, Ill.; Joseph, born July 2, 1843, married and has three children, lives in Stephenson County, Ill.; Eliza B., born April 25, 1845, married Robert Shields Nov. 4, 1883, has five children, and lives in Livingston County; James W., born March 4, 1847, has one child and lives in Nebraska; Benjamin S., born March 25, 1849, married Sept. 14, 1886, has one child and lives in Broken Bow, Neb.; Rachel Jane; Leonidas L. H., born Oct. 5, 1854, is unmarried and lives in Williamsport, Dak.; Elvira, born April 1, 1857, married Oscar Pickering March 17, 1886, and lives in McLean County; Effie K., born July 23, 1861, married Charles Hopkins Aug. 6, 1879, has three children, and lives in McLean County; Mary Eudena, born June 15, 1865, is unmarried and lives at Lexington, Ill., with her sister; Williamette, born May 13, 1869, is unmarried and makes her home with her sister in Graymont.

The father of Mrs. Roberts came from Delaware, where he was born on the 30th of May, 1815; the mother was born in Ohio on the 22d of February, 1821. They were married Dec. 9, 1838. The father died April 2, 1883, and the mother Feb. 16, 1885; they are both buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, McLean County, Ill. Her maternal grandfather, Benjamin Smith, was born Feb. 3, 1782, and the grandmother, Rachel Smith, was born in 1786.

EDWARD COLLINS, an old and respected citizen who, besides displaying much enterprise in his business affairs, has been largely instrumental in building up the schools and advancing educational interests where he has lived, is a farmer and stock-raiser on sections 17, 29 and 7, Union Township. He was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, on the 19th of February, 1819, and was the sixth child in a family of seven children born to Patrick and Delia (Eagan) Collins, natives of Ireland. The paternal grandparents were Mark and Ellen (Dowd) Collins, the former a prominent politician connected with the Rebellion. The maternal grandparents were Patrick and Julia (Regan) Eagan. Mr. Eagan was a soldier in the war at the time the French invaded Ireland. The father of Mr. Collins was a farmer by occupation, and died in Ireland.

The subject of this sketch was reared a farmer lad and was educated in the public schools, where